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1. On 5 October 1947 a meeting was held in Berlin between the Vice Lord Mayor of Berlin, Dr. Friedensburg, and Professor Dr. Geiler, former Hesse Minister-President. The latter suggested that a manifesto be drafted petitioning the London Conference of Foreign Ministers to establish a Central German Government. The manifesto would be signed by twenty-five to thirty German personalities from all zones and of all political shades.
2. The same suggestion was made to the President of the Bremen Senate, Knisen, and Bavarian Minister-President, Dr. Ehard, both of whom favor the project. Geiler also plans to obtain the consent and signatures of Schleswig-Holstein Minister-President Lüdemann and Professor Dr. Carlo Schmid, Vice Minister-President, and Minister-Justice of Württemberg-Hohenzollern.
3. The Berlin conference, which Geiler and other personalities are slated to attend, is scheduled for 19 October. SED representatives will be invited. Geller had made contact with Madolny in connection with the planned petition. Although the names given above are not on the original list ([REDACTED]), Geiler's activities are probably related to Madolny's previous efforts.)
4. Dr. Alfred Weber of Heidelberg hopes to meet in Berlin in early November various parties interested in the manifesto. It now appears that there is no final draft of a petition but that many are interested.

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Germans Said to Draft Program
BERLIN, Nov. 10 (AP)—A group of German politicians representing parties in all the zones of occupation adopted a four-point program for Germany's future at a secret meeting yesterday, including a demand for German representation in peace talks, informed sources said tonight. The purported program follows:

- (1) Economic unity for Germany.
- (2) Establishment of a central German government.
- (3) Formulation of an occupation statute.
- (4) Participation of responsible Germans in preliminary talks on a peace treaty.

Signers, according to informants, included Prof. Karl Geiler, Prof. Alfred Weber of Heidelberg, Dr. Ferdinand Friedensburg, Deputy Mayor of Berlin; Dr. Franz Tillman and Dr. Otto Lenz, Christian Democrats; Dr. Walter Strauss of Wiesbaden, Dr. Erhard Huebner, Premier of Saxony-Anhalt in the Soviet zone; Karl Steinhof, Premier of Brandenburg in the Soviet zone; Johannes Becher, Communist author; Herr Loebe, Dr. Heinrich Grueber and Agnes von Zahn Hardeck.